

For Bill No. 6797

I am a patient of a naturopathic physician. I believe in and like the naturopathic medical approach. Never have I had a more thorough and caring doctor who really takes the time to help me to be at my healthiest. I had a visit with my primary care doctor and a visit with my ND in the same week (I still have to see a PCP for prescriptions) , and the difference was night and day. I spent more time waiting for the primary care physician than the time I actually had to see him. He rushed through and had no idea what to tell me, instead referring me to yet another doctor. My ND, on the other hand, spoke to me at length (30 min +) and offered to run a few simple blood tests to help see if her hypothesis was correct. After working on nutrition, exercise logs, supplements, etc. we were able to find the proper balance and I've never felt better.

I would like my ND, and other NDs, to have medication prescriptive authority consistent with their current training.

I ask your support to allow naturopathic physicians (NDs) the same prescriptive authority consistent with many other states that license NDs.

Prescriptive authority would benefit me because I will have the best of both worlds, a natural medicine approach combined with conservative medication therapy when needed, both from my ND. I would not have to bounce back and forth between an MD and my ND. While many MDs willing to work collaboratively with NDs, many are not (including my MD, who seemed wary), so I would be able to avoid that issue. NDs are comprehensively trained to utilize prescriptive medications when necessary and other states have had prescriptive authority for years so why not here?

In the end, I would be better served as I would have the ability to receive many more primary care services from my ND which I would very much appreciate as it saves me time, money, hassle and it is more efficient.

Once again, I ask you to support providing prescriptive authority to naturopathic physicians (NDs).

Thank you,
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